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Re:

U.S. Patent Application No.: 10/736,616

Title: CONDUCTIVE PASTE Filing Date: December 17, 2003 Inventor: Akira Nagai et al. Your Reference: 515-0744/MG Our Reference: M1071.1885

Dear Mr. Miyagawa:

In accordance with your instructions of April 5, 2005, please find enclosed an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form SB/08 (1449/PTO) that we recently filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-referenced patent application.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Edward A. Meilman

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a), the following are enclosed:

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

In the event the actual fee is inadvertently not enclosed or if any additional fee during the prosecution of this application is not paid, the Patent Office is authorized to charge the underpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

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